Before the

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION Washington, DC. 20554

In the Matter of		
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Amendment of Section)	RM-10313
97.201(b) of the)	
Commission's Rules)	
Regarding Auxiliary)	
Operation in)	
the Amateur Service)	

To: The Commission

COMMENTS of Nickolaus E. Leggett N3NL Amateur Radio Operator

The following are comments from Nickolaus E. Leggett, an amateur extra class radio operator and a certified electronics technician.

The Commission should not use its resources to change the Amateur Radio Service (ARS) rules to allow Sky Command type operation on the two meter amateur radio band. This radio band is sufficiently crowded in urban areas that the addition of this new type of operation would be unwise.

The idea of Sky Command type remote operation of high frequency (HF) transceivers is not a bad idea. Indeed it is a rather clever idea in this era where banks and real estate developers outlaw amateur antennas in residential developments. However, the Sky Command type of operation can be accommodated under existing rules in the amateur radio bands above the two meter band. These bands are less crowded and yet they are supported by the availability of commercially-built transceivers that can be used for this type of remote

operation. The petitioner has a large number of skilled engineers who can develop the

product for the higher amateur radio bands.

An additional item of concern is this petition seems to represent an effort to shape the

Amateur Radio Service rules to meet a commercial objective. If this develops into a trend,

the Amateur Radio Service could be pushed into becoming a consumer type operation

instead of the technical activity that it is today. This possible trend is of such concern to

amateur radio operators that I will be preparing a petition requesting specific limits and or

prohibitions on the commercial production of transmitting or transceiving equipment for

designated amateur radio bands.

Thank you for your attention to this important subject and good luck with your work.

Respectfully submitted,

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